

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Rob Wittman today joined other members of the House GOP Health Care Solutions Group to outline a commonsense health care reform bill that will lower costs and increase both access to and quality of care.

"I have been working with both my colleagues in the House and my Health Care Advisory Council in the First District to help craft a sensible set of reforms that will make healthcare more affordable, reduce the number of uninsured and increase the quality of care," said Wittman.

"Many of the ideas contained in this plan are a result of the advice I've received from my First District Health Care Advisory Council as well as many other doctors, insurance providers and healthcare professionals I've met with over the past months. As a result, I think this is a plan that can receive broad bipartisan support," said Wittman.

The plan outlined by the House GOP Health Care Reform Solutions Group, of which Rep. Wittman is a member, is designed to:

- Make quality health care coverage affordable and accessible for every American, regardless of pre-existing health conditions.
- Protect Americans from being forced into a new government-run health care plan that would eliminate the health care coverage that more than 100 million Americans currently receive through their job.
- Let Americans who like their health care coverage keep it, and give all Americans the freedom to choose the health plan that best meets their needs.

- Ensure that medical decisions are made by patients and their doctors, not government bureaucrats.

- Improve Americans' lives through effective prevention, wellness, and disease management programs, while developing new treatments and cures for life-threatening diseases.

*Congressman Rob Wittman represents the First District of Virginia. He was elected to his first full term in November 2008 and serves on the Natural Resources Committee and the Armed Services Committee where he is the Ranking Member of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee.*